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Dear Tony,

I thought of you as I leave for a trip which will find me in an airplane for somewhere between 40 and 50 hours. I decided this afforded me a long delayed opportunity to catch up on the history of the Comintern through On a Field of Red and possibly to wade through volume 2 of Kissinger as well.

That reminded me that I had promised to dig out of my manuscript a few pages on how we prepared and managed to operate independently of the British a few weeks after we reached French soil. This was Donovan's consuming interest in the weeks leading up to the invasion and I have always thought that my close relationship with him derived primarily from functioning as one of his instruments in imparting this focus to the reserve of some 70 French officers we had gathered and trained in Surrey, and in the training and developing of OSS SI and SF detachments which were to be attached to American army headquartered at France.

This was clearly influential in his selecting me to direct the independent German operation later in the year. I wasn't able to find the tabulation of the results of the 102 missions which made up that operation which I once showed you. It is probably somewhere in my files back in Long Island, but there are a few pages here which reflect my general evaluation of those missions. I think the numbers you use in your manuscript are right in terms of the number of missions which produced no results, but not accurate in the implication that that many agents did not survive. We recovered all but eight or nine of over 150 agents sent into Germany. Of those at least one survived but never returned because he decided to work for the communist Germans, as evidenced by a message received by his case handler a couple of years ago assuring him that he is alive, well and happy as a Major General in the East German Army.

Yours,



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